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benzothiophene, benzisoxazole, benzothiozole or benzopyrazole, then the optional substituent is not $-(CH_2)_2NR^4R^5$; and

 R^3 is H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3} 6alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar- C_{0-6} alkyl, optionally substituted Het- C_{0-6} alkyl, or C_{3-7} cycloalkyl- C_{0-6} alkyl,

 C_{0-6} alkyl-C(O)X'AB, C_{0-6} alkyl- $S(O)_2$ X'AB, C_{0-6} alkyl-X'AB, wherein X' is O, S, C or N;

A and B are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar- C_{0-6} alkyl, optionally substituted Het- C_{0-6} alkyl,

 C_{3-7} cycloalkyl- C_{0-6} alkyl, or A or B are independently absent, provided that the compound is not 5-anilino-3-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole,

3-(2-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole,

3-(4-methoxy-anilino)/5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole,

3-(2-methoxy-anilin/)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, or

3-ethyl-3-anilino-5/benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole.

REMARKS

The above-identified application is being entered into the National Phase from PCT Application No. PCT/US00/26951.

The claims are 1-21, with claims 1, 6, 11, 16 and 21 being independent. Claim 16 has been amended. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification at page 7, lines 11-12 and at page 9, lines 21-22.

No new matter has been introduced.

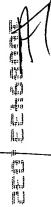
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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16. (Amended) A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof:

$$R^1$$
 X N N R^2 R^3

Formula (I)

wherein,

X is S or O;

R¹ is optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, [optionally substituted Ar-C₀₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C₀₋₆alkyl, or] C₃₋₇cycloalkyl-C₀₋₆alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C₁alkyl or optionally substituted Ar-C₀₋₆alkyl, wherein Ar is an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group;

 R^2 is optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, optionally substituted $Ar-C_{0-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted $Het-C_{0-6}$ alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl- C_{0-6} alkyl, provided that when R^2 is optionally substituted $Het-C_{0}$ alkyl, and Het is indole, benzofuran, benzothiophene, benzisoxazole, benzothiozole or benzopyrazole, then the optional substituent is not $-(CH_2)_2NR^4R^5$; and

 $\rm R^3$ is H, optionally substituted C $_{1-6}$ alkyl, C $_{3-6}$ alkenyl, C $_{3-6}$ alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, or C $_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, C $_{0-6}$ alkyl-S(O) $_2$ X'AB, C $_{0-6}$ alkyl-X'AB, wherein X' is O, S, C or N; A and B are independently H, optionally substituted C $_{1-6}$ alkyl, C $_{3-6}$ alkenyl, C $_{3-6}$ alkynyl, optionally substituted Ar-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted Het-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, C $_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl-C $_{0-6}$ alkyl, or A or B are independently absent, provided that the compound is not 5-anilino-3-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(4-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, 3-(2-methyl-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole,

3-(4-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole,

3-(2-methoxy-anilino)-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole, or

3-ethyl-3-anilino-5-benzylthio-1,2,4-triazole.